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Sir:

We, James DeHaan, and Malin Lester Jacobs, declare and state that:

1. We are citizens of the United States of America, residing respectively, at, 2791 South Reed Street, Denver, CO 80225, and 7022 South Dexter Street, Centennial, CO 80122.
2. We are co-authors of a document, Jacobs, et al., Tunnel Communication Test Results, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, Project Notes 8450-98-06, September 1998.
3. The aforementioned document has been cited against claims 1-22 of the above listed U.S. Patent Application, of which we are joint-inventors, in an Office Action of May 11, 2006, as anticipating claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).
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5. The report was not published in 1998. The Examiner has misconstrued the relevant facts. It is common knowledge that the year a document is written is not necessarily the year the document is published.

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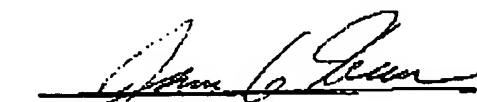
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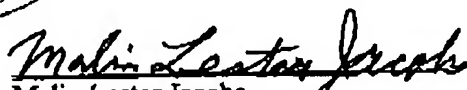
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